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[Note.—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the member.]

II.—CALLING ATTENTION TO THE NON-AVAILABILITY OF SILVER LACE PLATED WITH GOLD TO THE SILK WEAVERS.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Member, Sri S. Madhavan will now call the attention of the Hon. Minister for Industries to a matter of urgent public importance, viz., the non-availability of silver lace plated with gold to the silk weavers.

திரு. எஸ். மாதவன் : மதிப்பிற்குரிய சட்ட மன்ற தலைவர் அவர்களே, அண்மையில் மத்திய சர்க்காரினால் கொண்டுவரப்பட்ட தங்கக் கட்டுப்பாடுச் சட்டத்தினால், பட்டு நெசவாளர்களுக்குத் தங்க முலாம் பூசப்பட்ட வெள்ளிச் சரிகை கிடைக்காத நிலைமை ஏற்பட்டு, ஆயிரக் கணக்கான பட்டு நெசவாளர்கள் நெசவு வேலையில் ஈடுபட முடியாத நிலைமை ஏற்பட்டு அந்தத் தொழிலில் தேக்கம் ஏற்பட்டிருக்கிற நிலைமையை கனம் அமைச்சர் அவர்களுடைய கவனத்திற்குக் கொண்டுவர விரும்புகிறேன்.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I wish to make the following statement. The entire requirements of Zari of this State are met by the Zari making factories in Surat as there are no zari making factories in this State. It is not correct to say that silver lace plated with gold has become unavailable following the enforcement of Gold Rules. The Government of India have authorised the use of gold for zari industry among others. The Collector of Central Excise has authorised the Superintendent of Central Excise to issue permit for bona fide users of gold for not exceeding half the proved quantity used in the corresponding period in the previous year, subject to a maximum of 500 grams in each case.

These instructions will, for the present, remain in force till May 1963. While there has been a certain amount of scarcity of gold lace in the market due to the impact of Gold Control Rules particularly before the present concession was announced, the situation is not irremediable. As there is bound to be some reduction in production, consumption to that extent will have to be reduced. However, arrangements are being made to obtain Zari in bulk purchased from Surat to meet the demand so that it can be distributed equitably at regulated prices. As Gold lace is an ancillary material used in pure silk weaving of luxury-fabrics in certain parts of the State, the difficulties if any will only be temporary and localised and will not lead to distress among workers as such.

III.—GOVERNMENT MOTION

ELECTION TO THE COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I move—

9-30 a.m. 'That, with reference to Rule 183 (1) of the Madras Legislative Assembly Rules, this Assembly do proceed on a date to be fixed by the Hon. the Speaker to elect fifteen members to be members of the Committee of Privileges for the financial year 1963-64.

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MR. SPEAKER : The question is—

'That, with reference to Rule 183 (1) of the Madras Legislative Assembly Rules, this Assembly do proceed on a date to be fixed by the Hon. the Speaker to elect fifteen members to be members of the Committee of Privileges for the financial year 1963–64.'

The motion was put and carried.

MR. SPEAKER : In accordance with the regulations framed for the holding of elections according to the principle of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote, I fix 1 p.m. on the 28th March 1963 as the time within which nomination papers of candidates for election to the Committee of Privileges should reach the Secretary. Nomination forms can be had on application to the Secretary. The nomination papers will be taken up for scrutiny at 3 p.m. on the 28th March. I also fix 3 p.m. on the 29th March as the last hour and date for the withdrawal of candidature. If the number of candidates nominated exceeds the number of seats to be filled, namely 15, a poll will be taken on the 30th March 1963 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1p.m.

IV.—ANNOUNCEMENT.

THE MADRAS GENERAL SALES TAX BILL, 1963.

MR. SPEAKER : I have also to announce that the Legislative Council has passed the Madras General Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1963 (L.A. Bill No. 5 of 1963) without any recommendation.

V.—GOVERNMENT BILL.

THE INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (MADRAS AMENDMENT) BILL, 1963.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, I beg leave to introduce the Industrial Disputes (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1963.

MR. SPEAKER : The question is—

'That leave be granted for the introduction of the Industrial Disputes (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1963.'

The motion was put and carried.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, I introduce the Bill.

MR. SPEAKER : The Bill is introduced.

VI.—GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE FINAL SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1962—63.

MR. SPEAKER : The hon. Member, Sri Govindan, will now speak.

* **புலவர் கா. கோவிந்தன் :** தலைவர் அவர்களே, சபை முன் கொடுத்திருக்கிற இறுதித்துணை மானிய கோரிக்கை மீது கொடுத்திருக்கும் வெட்டுப் பிரேரணைகளை ஆதரித்து என்னுடைய கருத்துக்களைச் சொல்ல விரும்பு